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From: Honolulu
To: Tokyo
December 6, 1941

#253 Re the last part of your #123^a.

1. On the American Continent in October the Army began training barrage balloon troops at Camp Davis, North Carolina. Not only have they ordered four or five hundred balloons, but it is understood that they are considering the use of these balloons in the defense of Hawaii and Karam. In so far as Hawaii is concerned, though investigations have been made in the neighborhood of Pearl Harbor, they have not set up mooring equipment, nor have they selected the troops to man them. Furthermore, there is no indication that any training for the maintenance of balloons is being undertaken. At the present time there are no signs of barrage balloon equipment. In addition, it is difficult to imagine that they have actually any. However, even though they have actually made preparations, because they must control the air over the water and land runways of the airports in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Ford and Ewa, there are limits to the balloon defense of Pearl Harbor. I imagine that in all probability there is considerable opportunity left to take advantage for a surprise attack against these places.

2. In my opinion the battleships do not have torpedo nets. The details are not known. I will report the results of my investigation.

a - not available.

b - Kana spelling.

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

CITY OF WASHINGTON)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

SS: C E R T I F I C A T E

I, John Ford Baecher, Commander, U.S.N.R., upon oath,
make the following statement:

1. I was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy
and Liaison Officer to the Joint Congressional Committee on
the Investigation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor,
Congress of the United States.

2. In the course of my official duties, I aided in
supervising the work of preparing the document, "Japanese
Messages Concerning Military Installations, Ship Movements,
etc.", now designated as Navy Document No. 73. This document
was Exhibit 2 in the Joint Congressional Investigation and was
introduced in evidence upon the verification of representatives
of the Army and of the Navy, of which I was the latter. This
document was prepared from the original messages on file in
the War Department and Navy Department. I assisted in super-
vising the copying of the messages as presented in the
mimeographed pages of the document.

3. The messages as copied in this document are true and
accurate copies of the original documents, to the best of my
information and belief.

/s/ John Ford Baecher

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 25th day of July 1946.

/s/ R. S. McManus Lieut USN

None

(Status indicating authority to take oaths.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I.P.S. No. 6255-H

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Nagao KITA hereby certify that I was officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Japanese Consul General at Honolulu, T. H.
from 14 March 1941 to about 7 December 1941
and that as such official I had custody of the document a copy of which is attached consisting of 2 pages, dated 6 December, 1941, and described as follows: Japanese Message #253 from Honolulu
to Tokyo.

I further certify that to the best of my information and belief the attached record and document is a copy of an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is a copy of part of the official archives and files of the Japanese Consulate General at Honolulu, T. H. All such incoming messages and outgoing messages were recorded in log books in my office. On 7 December 1941 at about 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. I ordered these log books and other documents to be burned. I do not know whether or not these books and documents are in existence. They are not in my possession and they have not been in my possession or control since 7 December 1941.

Signed at Tokyo on this
8th day of October 1946.

Nagao KITA
Signature of Official
SEAL
Former Consul General
Official Capacity

Witness: ERIC W. FLEISHER, 2d Lt.

Statement of Official Procurement

I, DOUGLAS L. WALDORF, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certificate was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo, Japan on this
8th day of October, 1946

DOUGLAS L. WALDORF
NAME 1st Lt., INF.

Witness: ERIC W. FLEISHER, 2d Lt.

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#254

1. On the evening of the 5th, among the battleships which entered port were --- and one submarine tender. The following ships were observed at anchor on the 6th:

9 battleships, 3 light cruisers, 3 submarine tenders, 17 destroyers, and in addition there were 4 light cruisers, 2 destroyers lying at docks (the heavy cruisers and airplane carriers have all left).

2. It appears that no air reconnaissance is being conducted by the fleet air arm.

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